

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the title as follows:

**ORGANIC EL DISPLAY DEVICE WITH AIRTIGHT CONTAINER**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

The above-mentioned substrate 1 may be of transparent glass, ~~quartz~~ quartz, sapphire, or organic film. The anode lines 3 as the first electrodes may be of indium tin oxide (ITO). An aluminum alloy, for example, may be used for the cathode lines 6 as the second electrodes. Further, while the EL display device as shown in FIGS. 1(A) and 1(B) illustrates a configuration of a so-called passive drive system, while a configuration of an active drive system in which each pixel is further provided with a TFT (thin film transistor) for controlling the lighting has been also proposed.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

Then, each of the anode lines A1 to An is connected to an anode driver circuit ([[a]] an anode drive IC (integrated circuit)) 1, and each of the cathode lines B1 to Bm is connected to a cathode driver circuit (a cathode drive IC) 12, so as to be driven respectively. The above-mentioned cathode driver circuit 12 is provided with scanning switches SY1 to Sym corresponding to the cathode lines B1 to Bm respectively, so as to apply either a reverse bias

voltage VM from a reverse bias voltage generating circuit 14 for preventing a cross talk emission in the EL element or an earth voltage as a reference potential point to the corresponding cathode lines.